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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WERNER BIECK, et al.

FOR: FOIL-TYPE SWITCHING ELEMENT WITH DIELECTRIC LAYER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the indicated application, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** beginning on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 4 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Abstract** beginning on page 8 of this paper; and

**Remarks** beginning on page 9 of this paper.